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**New Documentary "Poetry in Wartime" to
Make San Diego Debut at Central Library on Sept. 11**
A Discussion and Open Poetry Reading will Follow the Screening

SAN DIEGO – A new documentary film, "Poetry in Wartime," will make its San Diego premiere at the Central Library on Saturday, Sept. 11 at 2:30 p.m. The event is free to the public.

The film explores war through images and words of poets – both unknown and famous – to bring the experience of war into sharp focus that inspires horror, sadness, a passionate quest for truth, and a profound sense of hope. "Poetry in Wartime" was designed to expand one's imagination, deepen one's compassion, and change the way the world thinks and talks about war.

The film presents poets from countries and conflicts around the world, from Iraq to the United States and the United Kingdom, from India to Nigeria and Columbia to Vietnam. The documentary also offers a diversity of voices, including warriors and civilians, victims and veterans, journalists and historians, immigrants and refugees, and activists.

"Poetry in Wartime" was written, produced and directed by Rick King, who has directed 12 feature films, including the critically acclaimed "Hard Choices" and "Quick," as well as several television productions, including "Nuclear Nightmares" for Public Broadcasting.

The event is co-sponsored by the City of San Diego Public Library, San Diego Writers' Cooperative and San Diego Writers Ink. A discussion and open poetry reading will follow the screening.

"Poetry in Wartime" will be shown in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, 820 E St., in downtown San Diego. For more information about the screening, visit the Library on the City's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/> or call the Central Library at (619) 236-5800.

More information about the film, including a press kit, is available at:
<http://www.voicesinwartime.org/VoicesInWartime/Film/PoetryInWartime.aspx>

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